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2012 ACE Satisfaction Survey for the Trade is Now Available

If you are a broker, importer, truck, ocean, or rail carrier and have an Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) portal account, you are invited to participate in our 2012 ACE annual survey. We want your feedback on your experiences with ACE.

Your participation is completely voluntary and you may take the survey anonymously. The survey only takes about 5 minutes to complete and extensive comments may be added. Comments are always welcomed as they provide valuable insights into the operational benefits and issues that ACE presents to trade users.

If there are other users within your company who can participate and provide useful feedback on ACE, please forward the link below to them. Separate responses are requested from each respondent as collective responses discourage individual comments. Additionally, adequate weight to collective responses is not given when the survey data is aggregated.

To access the survey, please use the following URL:

<http://www.surveymshare.com/s/AQA64ZD>

If assistance is needed with the survey, please contact us via email at:

ACE.Outcomes@cbp.dhs.gov

Thank you for helping us make this survey a success.

Hardware and Software Requirements to Access the ACE Portal

ACE Secure Data Portal users from the trade community have reported issues with ACE Portal functionality when accessing ACE with an operating system not validated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

To access the ACE Secure Data Portal, a broadband Internet connection is recommended. The ACE Secure Data Portal has been tested on the Windows XP SP3 and Windows 7 SP1 operating systems, using Internet Explorer 8, and with either Java 6 or Java 7.

While other configurations may still work, they have not been validated by CBP.

In addition, it is recommended that ACE Secure Data Portal users have:

- A PDF file viewer, such as Adobe Acrobat; and
- Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word or similar office document products to work with files interchanged via the portal.



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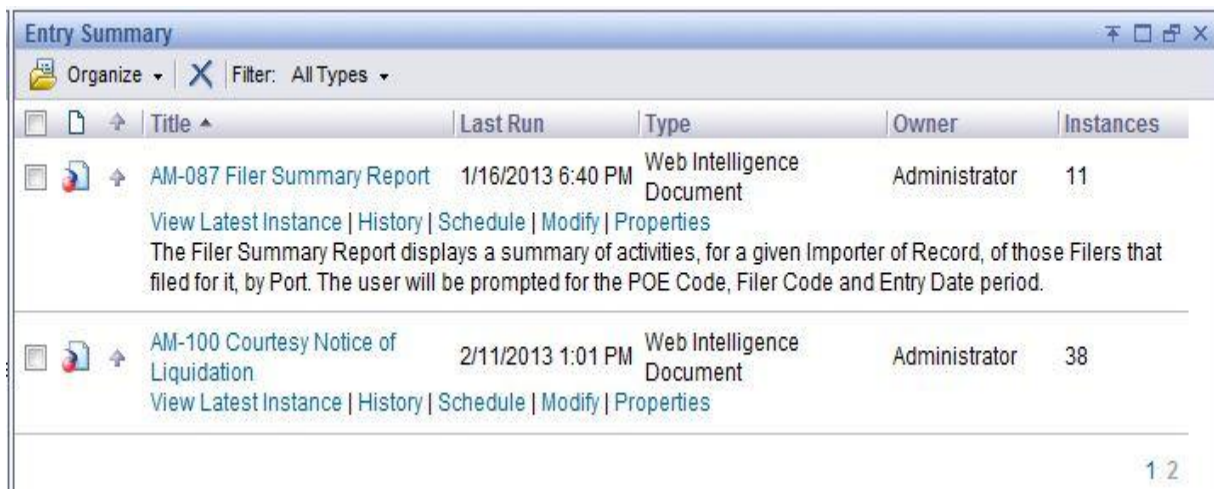
Improperly Formatted ACE Ocean Manifest Data Resulting in the Release of Confidential Information

As per CSMS # 13-000064, dated February 7, 2013, CBP has received complaints from importers/consignees regarding specific data (namely, party/shipper/consignee name and address) that has been publicly disclosed despite submitted requests for confidentiality in accordance with 19 CFR 103.31(d). After thorough investigation, CBP has determined this occurrence is the result of the improper data entry by users and NOT CBP programming or systems error. The trade is reminded they are required to strictly adhere to the data formats in the Implementation Guidelines (IGs). As indicated in the IGs, the commercial party name fields must ONLY contain commercial party name data. Data transmitters are including "street address" data in the fields for "commercial party name." As a result, the name of the party stored in the ACE database is corrupted because it includes address data. This inaccurate party name data fails the confidentiality edits resulting in confidential business information being shared publicly. This inadvertent disclosure is tied directly to the way in which data is transmitted by users.

AM-100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report

On September 24, 2011, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) delivered a new report for importers, the AM -100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report. This report replaced the paper courtesy notices of liquidation previously mailed to Importers. CBP has recently received questions from importers on how to get entry summary liquidation information outside of the two week cycle.

Importers with access to an ACE Portal Account are able to run the AM – 100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report located under the Account Management/Detail Reports/Entry Summary Folder. Users will need to scroll to the bottom of the page and select page 2 to view the report



	Title	Last Run	Type	Owner	Instances
	AM-087 Filer Summary Report View Latest Instance History Schedule Modify Properties The Filer Summary Report displays a summary of activities, for a given Importer of Record, of those Filers that filed for it, by Port. The user will be prompted for the POE Code, Filer Code and Entry Date period.	1/16/2013 6:40 PM	Web Intelligence Document	Administrator	11
	AM-100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation View Latest Instance History Schedule Modify Properties	2/11/2013 1:01 PM	Web Intelligence Document	Administrator	38



When a user clicks on the title of the AM -100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report, the prompts dialogue screen displays. The “Most Recent Cycle (Yes/No)” prompt will default to “yes.” This means the report will display entry summary liquidation information for two weeks in the future. You will notice the “Liquidation Date (Begin)” and the “Liquidation Date (End)” prompts are defined with default values and do not require change for entry summary liquidation information to generate in the report.

If past liquidation information is to be viewed, users will need to change the “Most Recent Cycle (Yes/No)” prompt to “No.” When changing the prompts, please remember to update the “Liquidation Date (Begin)” and the “Liquidation Date (End)” prompts as needed.

The AM – 100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation report will reflect the most current liquidation status and liquidation amounts. Extension and Suspension information will continue to be printed and mailed to the appropriate parties. It will not be available in the AM – 100 report. The report will not include Entry Types 11 (Informal) and 12 (Informal – Quota/Visa).

For additional information about the AM – 100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report, please refer to the Information Notice attachment of CSMS # 11-000226.



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Agriculture License For Sugar Now Available in ACE Reports

ACE Portal Trade Users who file Agriculture Licenses for sugar in their ACE Entry Summaries may now display USDA Sugar Certificate data in ACE Reports. The Sugar Certificate is only available by modifying Entry Summary Reports and by adding the "LPC Number, "LPC Type Code" and "LPC Type Description" objects located in the 10002 Entry Summary Universe/ Summary Line/ Line Tariff class sub-folder.

Permanent Port Closure

On January 25, 2013, CBP permanently closed the Land-Border port of Whitetail, MT (3312). CBP has deactivated Port of Entry (POE) 3312 and suspended the use of the port code for Cargo Entry or Entry Summary purposes on or after January 25, 2013. For additional information and to review supporting information, including authority citations and alternative POE information, please download the Federal Register notice at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/12/26/2012-31105/closing-of-the-port-of-whitetail-mt>

Recent ACE Updates

Please note you may need to copy and paste the URLs below into your internet browser.

Revised ACE ABI CATAIR Documents

Several ACE Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) documents have been revised and posted to CBP.gov. The updated sections of the CATAIR include:

- ACE ABI CATAIR Entry Summary Create/Update chapter has been revised to include information about entry summaries with Lacey Act data which are to be filed in ACS. Also, a reference to the new informal value limit has been added to the chapter. The URL is:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/catair_chapters/entry_summary/
- ACE ABI CATAIR Appendix G has been revised to include the new condition code (B63) for "selectivity already performed." The URL is:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/catair_appendices/
- ACE ABI CATAIR Error Dictionary has been revised to include the new condition code (B63) for "selectivity already performed" and a few additional updates. The URL is:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/



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- ACE ABI CATAIR Change Record – 2013 has been posted to provide a summary of changes to the CATAIR and related documents. The URL is:
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edl_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/change_records/
- ACE ABI CATAIR Download All sections of the CATAIR has been posted to include all revised CATAIR chapters and related documents. The URL is:
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edl_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/

For questions regarding the changes above, please contact your Client Representative.

New and Updated ACE Documentation Available

The *ACE Moving Forward: Near Term Plans and Prioritized Backlog* presentation is now posted to CBP.gov. *The ACE Near Term Plan* explains those capabilities that CBP is currently developing and planning to develop in the near term. *The Prioritized Product Backlog* lists the core trade processing capabilities to be built in ACE. Please use the URL below to locate this presentation.

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/whats_new/aceneartermdev.ctt/aceneartermdev.pdf

The *ACE Status and Plan Forward* presentation is now posted to CBP.gov. This presentation explains how CBP is developing ACE using the Agile methodology and includes the near term development plans. Please use the URL below to locate this presentation.

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/whats_new/stat_plnforward.ctt/stat_plnforward.pdf

On February 11, 2013, CBP posted a revised version of the *ACE Overview and Status Update* presentation which provides details of ACE functionality that has been delivered as well as ACE functionality scheduled to be delivered in 2013. Please use the URL below to locate this posting.

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/toolkit/ace_ovrview_status.ctt/ace_ovrview_status.pdf

Updated ACE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

CBP has recently updated the *ACE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* to include Hardware and Software requirements to access the ACE Secure Data Portal. Please use the URL below to access the document.

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/ace_faqs/



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Updated ACE Web-Based Training

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has posted an updated Web-based training course on e-Manifest: Rail and Sea (M1) at the ACE Online Training Center. This course is available in English and Spanish. The changes are minor updates to align with the ACE application as of September 2012. The URL for the Web-based training course is: http://nemo.cbp.gov/ace_online .

Updated ACE Resources for the Trade Guide

CBP has recently updated the ACE Resources for the Trade Guide to assist users identify available resources for information about the features of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Please use the URL below to access the information. http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_welcome/ace_resources_trade.ctt/ace_resources_trade.pdf

Your Questions:

Can an ACE Entry Summary be filed for cargo that has been released using the Border Release Advance Screening and Selectivity System (BRASS)?

During the initial releases of entry summary processing in ACE, an entry summary may be filed in ACE for a shipment released under a border release program as long as it has no Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or Department of Transportation (DOT) reporting requirements. Border release includes cargo release programs for shipments under Free and Secure Trade (FAST), Border Release Advance Screening and Selectivity (BRASS) System, and rail line release. Entry summary and related data for cargo released under a border release program, FAST, BRASS, and rail line release and which is subject to FDA or DOT reporting requirements must continue to be reported in ACS using the ACS entry summary (EI) transaction.

May I submit a payment for an entry for which a Post Summary Correction (PSC) is filed before it is liquidated?

Yes, the importer always has the option to tender money. The payment should be submitted using CBP Form 7501A and reference that a PSC was filed.